

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	21091	Agenda Number	43.
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Meeting Date:	January 17, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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## Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with W-S INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INC. for the de-scaling of solids contact clarifier mechanisms at Ullrich Water Treatment Plant for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$912,295 with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$304,098 per extension option for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,824,590.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$177,391 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining 29 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

## Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Sole bid received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Stephen Aden, Purchasing Manager, 972-4040
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Boards and Commission Action:	To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission January 9, 2013.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore no goals were established for this solicitation.
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## Additional Backup Information

This contract with W-S Industrial Service, Inc., Council Bluffs, IA establishes an agreement to fully de-scale solids contact clarifier mechanisms at the Ullrich Water Treatment Plant for the Austin Water Utility. The Ullrich Water Treatment Plant is one of the two lime softening water treatment plants that provide drinking water for the City of Austin. The water softening process is achieved in the clarifiers by reacting lime slurry with the naturally occurring hardness in the water and causing precipitation of calcium carbonate. After years of operation, a scale layer of approximately 0.25 to 2 inches thick forms over all submerged surfaces of the clarifiers. Over the next six year period, the contractor shall descale all mechanical components of six basins in three different sizes by means of hydro blasting.

MBE /WBE solicited: 9/9

MBE /WBE bid: 9/9

#### **PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Sole bid received. When this project was bid previously in March 2011, two bids were received however; after the contract had been awarded the low bidder would not exercise the option due to under bidding the work required. That contractor was given the opportunity to bid however declined. Another firm no bid because they could not find the equipment needed to perform the job.
- b. One hundred and forty-seven notices were sent including 9 MBE and 9 WBE firms. One bid was receive with no response from MBE or WBE firms. One "No Bid" response was received.
- c. Although a contract was approved in June 2011, the pricing cannot be compared to this purchase due to the contractor's termination due to under bidding. All previous work of this type had been spot purchased and there is no clear pricing history.

#### **APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Sole bid.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Water Utility's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.